

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, September 6, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Private.

Hermitage, September 6, 1834.

My dear sir, yours of the 26th ult. is this moment recd. The correspondence between the Bank and secretary of State, altho' I had been advised by him that he had sent them on, I supposed had been lost upon their way hither. In this I am happy to say I was mistaken—they came on in due course of mail just as Major Donelson was in the hurry to start to meet Emily. without handing them to me, he indorsed and put them away with others so that I had no information that they had arrived. on the receipt of yours inquiry was made and it is now before me. Mr. Biddle has assumed the right of a Foreign Government and under his *order of mark and reprisals*, has seised upon the money of our Government. Had I read them before, this correspondence should have been forthwith laid before the people, it *shall be*, monday next.

My dear sarah and her youngest child has been seriously ill, they are both better and if she continues to mend I shall leave here for Washington on the Eight instant. I am surrounded with company, and pestured with my old complaint head ache brought on by sitting up and must close with the request from sarah and my son to be presented to you and your amiable Lady respectfully and kindly, and to say to you that my dear little Rachel is truly an interesting child. I know Mrs. Blair would be delighted with her. I will have them on next fall. Say to Major Lewis I will write him before I leave, that Mr and mrs. Pagaet¹ are

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both well, they were to see sarah the other day. give my kind regard to all the heads of Departments and say to them if life and health lasts I will see them early in october, and say to Major Barry he must get well, have all the facts prepared to enable me to do justice to the Department, and lay before the people the [injustice?] of the report of the majority of senates committee.

1 Mary Lewis married Alphonse Pageot, later French charge d'affaires in Washington.

With kind salutations,